	Total finished steel	
Year	Import (mt)	Annual growth (%)
2006-07	4.93	14
2007-08*	6.92	40

Source: Joint Plant Committee, *=provisional

(d) Leading domestic steel producers, both in public and private sector, have announced plans to expand their existing capacities through both Greenfield and Brownfield ventures. As per the latest estimates based on these capacity additions, the crude steel production capacity is likely to reach around 124 million tonnes by 2012. In order to promote the domestic steel industry and to meet the projected demand, the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), under the chairmanship of Secretary(Steel), to monitor and coordinate the issues concerning major steel investments in the country related to infrastructure, raw material supply, environmental clearance and other resource constraints.

Setting up of ultra mega steel plants

924. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of steel companies have announced the setting up of Steel Plants in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has received a large number of representations for setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants on the concept of Ultra Mega Power Plants; and

(c) if so, the steps Government has taken or propose to be taken for allowing steel companies to set up Ultra Mega Steel Plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) As per the latest information in the Ministry of Steel, 193 investors have signed Memorandum of Understandings with various State Governments to set up steel projects at proposed cost of Rupees five lakh fourteen thousand Crores approx. Investment plan in respect of certain major steel investors, proposing to set up steel projects are as below:-

(Crude steel capacity in million tonnes)

S.No.	Name of the company	Current production capacity	Capacity likely to be achieved by 2011-12	Total proposed capacity by 2019-20	Total approximate estimated cost as informed by company (in Crores)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	12.84	24.84	60.0	78845.00*
2.	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.	2.9	6.3	6.3	8962.00
3	NMDC Ltd.	-	-	3.0	16000.00
4	Tata Steel Ltd.	5.0	13.0	33.5	87900.00
5.	Essar Steel Ltd.	4.6	14.50	20.5	68000.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
6	JSW Steel Ltd.	4.1	11.0	31.0	111700.00
7	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	2.4	10.45	26.5	89387.00
8	Ispat Industries Ltd.	3.0	5.0	17.0	30400.00
9	POSCO India Pvt. Ltd.	-	-	12.0	51000.00
10	Arcellor Mittal India Ltd.	-	-	24.0	80000.00

* The estimated cost of SAIL projects are for current modernization and expansion projects augmenting to 24.84 million tonnes capacity.

(b) Yes, Sir. Two representations from Shri C. Ramachandriah, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha and Shri Dhram Pal Sabharwal, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha have been received in this Ministry for setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants in the country which *inter-alia* suggest consideration for the following :-

i) Setting up a Steel Mission under the direct leadership of Prime Minister with a suggested role.

ii) Setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants of 10 million tonnes per annum in various states in the line of Ultra Mega Power Plants set up in the country.

iii) To take steps to achieve efficiency, cost effectiveness and optimum utilization of resources.

(c) Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to monitor and coordinate issues concerning major steel investments in the country. The Inter Ministerial Group functions under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) with members from various Central Ministries/Departments, such as Railways, Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Industrial Policy & Promotion, Mines, Environment & Forest and the concerned State Governments. View of the industry has also been sought regarding the feasibility and modalities of the concept of Ultra Mega Steel Projects.

Demand and supply of steel

925. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated steel demand in the country during the Eleventh Plan as compared to China;

(b) what concrete steps are being proposed to augment domestic steel supply; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for encouraging the setting up Greenfield and Brown Field plants in the country to meet steel shortages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) As per the Report of the Working Group on Steel Industry for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12) prepared in December 2006, the demand of steel in the country is estimated to be around 70.34 million tonnes by 2011-12. As per International Iron & Steel Institute (IISI) data, the consumption of steel in China for the year 2007 is 408.3 million tonnes. However, Ministry of Steel has no official information regarding the steel demand forecast for China in 2011-12.